

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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PRACTITIONERS OF YOGA AND NATUROPATHY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the practitioners of Yoga and Naturopathy can use the word 'Doctor' before their name;
- (b) the name of the Government agency which issues licence for practice to the practitioners of Yoga and Naturopathy;
- (c) the details of renewal procedure in this regard; and
- (d) the stand of the Government regarding the system of Yoga and Naturopathy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Yoga & Naturopathy are recognized systems of medicine and registered practitioners of these systems can use the word "Doctor" before their name. It has not been found feasible to regulate the teaching and practice of Yoga and Naturopathy at the Central level. Some States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh has enacted State Acts for registration of qualified practitioners of these systems.